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**INQUIRY INTO DINGOES IN NATIONAL PARKS IN NEW
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I am writing as an Australian who spends hundreds of days each year exploring our National Parks, State Forests and remote landscapes as an outdoor content creator and wildlife advocate. Through my work I encourage Australians to appreciate and protect our natural environment.

Over many years of travelling throughout New South Wales, I have developed a deep appreciation for the role dingoes play within Australia's ecosystems. I believe the current management of dingoes in New South Wales is outdated, inconsistent with modern science, and inconsistent with the purpose of National Parks, which should exist primarily to conserve native wildlife and healthy ecosystems.

For these reasons, I strongly support greater legal protection for dingoes throughout New South Wales and ultimately across Australia.

Dingoes are Australia's apex predator

Dingoes are one of Australia's only remaining apex predators.

Healthy ecosystems rely on predators to regulate prey populations and maintain ecological balance. When apex predators disappear, ecosystems often experience trophic cascades, where increases in herbivores and smaller predators lead to declines in biodiversity.

Scientific research increasingly recognises that dingoes suppress invasive predators such as foxes and feral cats, helping protect many native mammals, reptiles and birds. They also assist in regulating populations of herbivores that can contribute to vegetation decline. Contemporary ecological research recognises these important ecosystem functions.

National Parks should be managed to preserve these natural ecological processes rather than remove one of the species responsible for maintaining them.

Current legislation no longer reflects modern science

Dingoes remain the only native mammal specifically excluded from protection under the NSW Biodiversity Conservation Act, allowing them